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Thomas Parks Building (Kaiser Hotel)  
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Morgan Street between Fourth and Main Streets  
Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built ca. 1830. Legend has long maintained that this building was used by David Barton as a law office following his move from St. Louis in the late fall of 1836. Barton did buy a house from Thomas Parks on or near the site of this building, but it does not seem likely that he used it as an office. However, this building was an early type of frame construction with brick nogging between the heavy hewn frame. By 1869 it was being used by J. B. Kaiser as Kaiser's Hotel. Considerable changes have been made to the structure including veneering the front with brick and otherwise changing its original lines. Demolished 1935.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the [REDACTED] records for MO-1800.